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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 402

Introduced by Assembly Member Dymally

February 15, 2005

An act to amend Section ~~8702~~ 8709 of the Government Code, relating to borders.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 402, as amended, Dymally. Borders: Mexico.

Existing law establishes in state government an Office of California–Mexico Affairs, which includes the operations of the Commission of the Californias and the California Office of the Southwest Border Regional Conference. *Existing law requires the Governor to appoint a director of the office and authorizes the Governor, as chairman of the commission, to appoint members to committees that may be established by the office.*

~~This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change in these provisions:~~

This bill would clarify that among the committees the office may establish is a committee, made up of members who do not serve on the commission, for the purpose of advising the office on issues facing groups who are migrating, or have recently migrated, to California from Mexico.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 8709 of the Government Code is
2 amended to read:

3 8709. The office shall be responsible for the establishment of
4 committees in those topic areas deemed necessary by the
5 director, *including a committee, made up of members who do not*
6 *serve on the commission, for the purpose of advising the office on*
7 *issues facing groups who are migrating, or have recently*
8 *migrated, to California from Mexico.* Membership on the
9 committees shall be at the pleasure of the appointing power. The
10 appointing authority for the committees within the commission
11 shall be the chairman of the commission. Recommendations of
12 the committees shall not be binding on the Governor or the
13 Legislature but shall only be advisory in nature.

14 ~~SECTION 1. Section 8702 of the Government Code is~~
15 ~~amended to read:~~

16 ~~8702. There is in state government an Office of~~
17 ~~California-Mexico Affairs. Within this office the operations of~~
18 ~~the Commission of the Californias and the California Office of~~
19 ~~the Southwest Border Regional Conference shall be continued.~~

20 ~~The office succeeds to and is vested with all the duties, powers,~~
21 ~~purposes, and responsibilities vested in the commission or the~~
22 ~~California office of the conference. All officers and employees of~~
23 ~~the commission or the California office of the conference who,~~
24 ~~on the effective date of this section, are serving in the~~
25 ~~performance of a function vested in the commission or the~~
26 ~~California office of the conference, shall be transferred to the~~
27 ~~office. However, it is the intent of the Legislature that, upon the~~
28 ~~effective date of this section, the staff of the office shall be~~
29 ~~reduced to four persons in order to limit office personnel~~
30 ~~expenses to the level authorized for the commission and the~~
31 ~~California office of the conference for the 1982-83 fiscal year.~~

32 ~~The office shall have possession and control of all records,~~
33 ~~papers, offices, equipment, supplies, moneys, funds,~~
34 ~~appropriations, land, and other property, real or personal, held for~~
35 ~~the benefit or use of the commission or the California office of~~
36 ~~the conference in the performance of the duties, powers,~~

1 ~~purposes, responsibilities, and jurisdiction of the commission or~~
2 ~~the California office of the conference.~~

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